



PRITCHARD

at South End

CHARLOTTE, NC

MESSENGER

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A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE!

CALLING ALL

KIDS

4 yr old - 5th grade

June 14 - 17

9 AM - Noon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

email melissajbailes@gmail.com

FAMILY FUN

NIGHT

June 18



Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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I grew up hearing the phrase, *"April showers bring May flowers."* I thought it was my Mom and Dad's way of keeping me from complaining about a rainy April and having to stay inside. In reality, it was a saying that made perfect sense. The flowers needed the proper moisture in order to develop and look their best come May. When God set our world in motion, He did it with a specific design in mind. He knew what it would take to sustain the beauty that we enjoy in nature. So each year we live, we get a chance to observe the brilliance of God's design.

I would like to share a new phrase with you. *"Pandemic showers bring post-pandemic flowers."* I'm sure this will be rolling off of people's tongues for years to come. Here's what I mean by this phrase. We have spent more than a year dealing with something we have not experienced in our lifetime. During this time, there have been some very "rainy" days. We have been operating under a cloud of anxiety, uncertainty and stress. Many have had their jobs, family and health altered during this time. We have had to learn to do things in different ways in order to continue to be community. We have seen each others faces more on a computer screen than we have in person. It has been a very challenging time. But I believe things are on the verge of changing. I think the flowers are about to bloom!

If you have been with us in worship in the last several weeks you have felt the change. There is a new energy, a new joy that is emerging in our time together. You can feel God's spirit in our midst leading us to experience Him more fully. And the results are obvious. People are coming to Christ in Overflow and in our Sunday morning celebration. People are rededicating their lives to Christ. People are finding a new sense of God's importance in their everyday living. And it is an absolute joy to be in the midst of it. If you have not been coming to experience this, it's time for you to return.

We are getting closer and closer to the time that we can make social distancing and wearing a mask optional. We are anticipating by June that we can begin to share in ways that have been restricted for 15 months. I can't wait! I think what has begun in our worship as a spark will quickly become a flame. I think that flame will grow to a roaring fire. When God's gets a fire started, there is no stopping it.

If you have been vaccinated, we pray you will return to worship now! If you have your vaccination scheduled, we hope you will return as soon as you have had it administered (and waited your two weeks afterward of course). If you have chosen not to have the vaccine, then I pray you will return immediately. We are still wearing masks and social distancing and you will be as safe here as anywhere else you are going. God has great things in store for us! I don't want you to miss one more minute of it.

In His Love,
Bobby Morrow

Pritchard Kids & FAMILIES

This time of year, minus the pollen, is always my favorite. New flowers, new grass, new birds, new butterflies - get it? Everything is new, fresh, and re-energized. Everyone has been through one doozy of a year yet the feeling of "normalcy" is just around the corner and that's exciting!

I want to encourage you to get back to church, whether it is Saturday nights, Sunday mornings or both! Filling our "Spiritual Bucket" with Christ is so very important - moms, dads and kiddos! It's hard though. We've been out of the habit for a whole year and church, from home, is easy. I get it! There's no time like the present to start with a new routine! This past Sunday was our largest crowd we've had in over a year and that is so very exciting!

Lastly, I send out a Weekly Scoop, each week, to keep everyone in the loop. If you would like to receive it, please email me at melissajbailes@gmail.com

~Melissa

LOOKING AHEAD

May 16 (after Sunday Worship) - Sunday Lunch at OMB! Pritchard Kids and Families are invited to fellowship, over lunch, after Worship.

June 14-17 9:00 AM - Noon - **Vacation Bible School**
3 yr old - 5th grade. If you're available to volunteer, please email melissajbailes@gmail.com

June 18 - Family Fun Night - Join us as we wrap up a great week of VBS!

August 9-13 - Camp Ridgecrest
Rising 3rd grade - completed 12th grade

WORSHIP BAGS & CHILDREN BULLETINS

Worship bags and children bulletins are available at the front of the sanctuary entrance. Please return the bags at the end of the service but everything else can be taken home.

JOIN US

SATURDAYS 5:05 Infant - 5th grade
SUNDAYS 9:30 Sunday School Infant - 5th grade
10:30 Worship 4yr - 5th grade
Infant - 4 yr may stay in Worship Care
Drop-off begins 20 minutes prior to the start time



Rev. Brack Ballard
Minister to Youth
and College-Aged Students
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Greetings families!! May is upon us!!! Can you believe it? One more month of school!!!?? We have several special events for the month of May which include: a special senior trip for Lauren Wall, our Youth Group End-of-Year Party, and a special senior trip for both Kelsie Elder and Jewel Givens! Our End-of-Year Party will be on Saturday, May 22 during Youth Group!

Our Agape Ministry continues to meet via Zoom on Sunday evenings periodically and will continue our monthly dinners as in-person events begin again at Pritchard.

I am praying for our students in middle, high school and college as we prepare to finish the semester strong! Please call/text if you need anything at all.

Blessings, Brack



Photo from Movie Night 3/27/2021

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Are you graduating from high school, college or graduate school as part of the class of 2021? If so, we would like to honor you during our Graduate Recognition Service on Sunday, May 23. Please contact Rev. Brack Ballard to let him know of your upcoming graduation by **Sunday, May 16** if you want to be included. You may do so by emailing him at bballard@pritchardchurch.com with your name, graduation date, major (if applicable), future plans, and the names of family members who are also part of the Pritchard family. Brack would also like a baby picture and a graduation picture for the screen show. You can submit these through email or drop them by the Church Office (pictures will be returned). Congratulations on your success and we look forward to honoring you in worship!

CAMP RIDGECREST

in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains

JOIN US!
AUGUST 9 - 13

Rising 3rd grade - completed 12th grade

\$250 per camper



Register at pritchardchurch.com

For more information, email carrie.d.henderson@outlook.com



Rev. Stan Heiser
Associate Pastor,
Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

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Our church was honored once again to host live for NCBAM their Virtual Statewide Conference on Tuesday, April 13 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. I appreciate the leadership and expertise of Joe Hicks, our AV Director, and Craig Poole for making this event a reality! For those of you who did not know, the event was titled, "**NCBAM AAIM Presents Virtual State Leadership Conference: Bridging the Gap**" which mobilizes faith-based groups to help seniors find their spot and take their shot! With the current vaccination system favoring online sign-ups, many seniors may be among the last in the state to get vaccinated. People from across NC joined us virtually to learn ways they can help.

I appreciate all of the prayers from our Deacon body that I received through emails and messages prior to the event. We received a special note of thanks from the Administrator of NCBAM -

"THANK YOU! Stan and Joe, and all the others at Pritchard who helped with the production, and Deacons of Pritchard

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and Staff who prayed for the event - We at NCBAM are so very grateful for your work, your expertise and your hearts to help. We could not have done this without you! Thank you for sharing your talents and hearts with us so generously!"

*- Carol Layton,
Director of Communications &
Administration for NCBAM*

GOOD NEWS! SummerFest 2021 is coming!

Plan now for August 9-13 and September 13-17 (see the April newsletter for more info). Please sign-up on Realm. The cost for the week is \$340 per person. If you are going in August, you must pay a deposit of \$170 by June 1. If you are going in September, you must pay a deposit of \$170 by July 1. If you are unable to sign-up on Realm, you can call the Church Office and someone will register you. I hope you will attend this year. It's going to be the BEST week ever!

Blessings, Stan

Afternoon WMU Bible Study

We invite you to join the Afternoon WMU Bible Study group on Tuesday, May 4. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 PM. For our May meeting, we will be returning to the Spence home at 530 Webster Place, Charlotte 28209. We hope to see you then!



Rev. Kristen Tucker
 Associate Pastor,
 Spiritual Development
 and Communication
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Sunday School Phase II: BACK TO OUR CLASSROOMS!

The Christian Education Committee has confirmed Sunday School WILL start back in-person and in our individual classrooms Sunday, May 16. This discussion was very thorough. It was discussed the importance of masks to continue to be worn (under our state mandate). Vaccinations at this point are more supply than demand, so by May 16 all who want to be vaccinated will have had the opportunity, and each classroom can be set up for anyone requesting social distance (just let your Sunday School teacher know).

We plan to start back serving coffee. However, we are requesting any food provided is individually wrapped (Example: Little Debbie's vs. box of doughnuts).

Lastly, we will be surveying at the beginning of May a virtual option for Sunday School. We understand, due to health, some cannot return right now. We will be surveying the church to see if anyone needs a "virtual only" SS class option from May 16 – August 28. If there is an interest, we will ask someone to lead this virtual only option (instead of providing Zoom in each class). While we know some members would like to be online with their class, being back in the individual rooms we would not be able to offer Zoom. Instead, we will encourage this summer virtual class to be a community of themselves until September 5. We will suspend the virtual only option for the Fall and all classes will be in-person only.

Wednesday Night Fellowship and Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM for fellowship followed by Bible study and prayer time at 7:00 PM. A Zoom link will be located each week in Pritchard E-Connect (our weekly announcement email). To receive E-Connect, sign up at www.pritchardchurch.com

SCHEDULE: May 5 - David Bailes
 May 12 - Kristen Tucker
 May 19 - TBD
 May 26 - TBD

Free Coffee Friday

Would you like to get to know our community? Consider volunteering at Free Coffee Friday! Once a month, a group of Pritchard folks serve coffee, lemonade, donuts and/or Chick-fil-A biscuits to our neighbors driving by the church. We'd love to have you join us! Come share a smile and a kind word from 7:30-9:00 AM. Our next Free Coffee Friday is May 21. For more information about this ministry or to share your interest in volunteering, please contact Rev. David Bailes at 704-376-1571 ext. 117 or dbailes@pritchardchurch.com

Stewardship Update

Revenues & Expenses – Summary
MARCH 2021

	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$118,167	\$106,933	\$356,826	\$342,678
Total Expenses	\$119,061	\$130,981	\$345,957	\$357,641
Net Total	\$-894	\$-24,048	\$10,869	\$-14,963

Pritchard Memorial showed a profit of \$10,869 year-to-date for 2021.

Women
 of the Bible
MAY 1st - 29th
 5:05 PM
 Overflow Kids & Youth 4:45 PM

overflowclt.com

Keep Doing the Things You Love

Life Line Screening will be on our campus again Monday, June 28. Rated A+ by the Better Business Bureau, Life Line Screening offers a 5-test package to thoroughly check you for risk of stroke, cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions. The combination of these tests help detect problems - **before you have symptoms** and while you and your doctor can still take action....so you can keep doing the things you love. Pick up a flyer in the Church Office and join the **8 million people** who have been screened. Call **888-814-0416** or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 2

SERMON: "MEASURING OUR GRATITUDE"

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 7:36-50

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, MAY 9

MOTHER'S DAY

SERMON: "A MOTHER'S LOVE"

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, MAY 16

SERMON: "YOU + JESUS = NEVER ALONE"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 2:1-11

REV. STAN HEISER

SUNDAY, MAY 23

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

REV. BRACK BALLARD

SUNDAY, MAY 30

SERMON: "WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SEED?"

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 8:4-15

REV. BOBBY MORROW

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, May 9

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Melissa Goforth's upcoming birthday. Always in our hearts! They are placed by her parents, Buddy and Kathy Goforth.

Sunday, May 16

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tim Stewart in celebration of his birthday, May 16. The flowers are placed by Susan Rose.

Sunday, May 23

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and to honor Ellen Brinkmann and Sam Fortenbery who were married in St. Louis on Friday, May 21. Sam has been a member of Pritchard since age 6. He and Ellen met in San Diego and moved to Charlotte June 1, 2020. Sam had lived in San Diego for 6 years and Ellen had lived there for 4 years. Sam's parents are long standing active members of Pritchard, David and Nancy Fortenbery. They are thrilled to have Sam and Ellen in Charlotte.

Sunday, May 30

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in honor of my beloved grandson, Sully Hirt, in celebration of his birthday, May 29. They are placed with much love by Susan Rose.

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER by Katrina Gore



Spring has sprung! Spring is a time for baseball, gardening, and so much more.

For the Love of the Game by Cynthia J. Wilber

A tribute to the baseball greats of the forties and fifties is told in the players' own voices and depicts an era of baseball before agents, owner "lockouts," and artificial turf.

Grow Your Own Vegetables by Carol Klein

Eating vegetables is good for you. Growing your own is even better. Growing your own will change what's on your dinner table and it will change you. In this book, see the tricks to becoming a successful small-plot gardener, from preparing the soil, to deciding what to grow, to coping with pests and weeds.

A Promise for Spring by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Emmaline Bradford pledged her life to Geoffrey Garrett and then bid him farewell when he sailed to America. Although Geoffrey anticipated only a short separation, several years passed before he was able to send for Emmaline. Shocked by the conditions on Geoffrey's Kansas sheep ranch, Emmaline wishes to return to England. Geoffrey offers a compromise: If Emmaline promises to stay until Spring, he will pay her return fare if she decides to go back to her home country.



Saturday, May 1

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids
4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth
5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, May 2

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School (Adults, Youth, Children)
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, May 3

4:00 PM—Fine Arts Dance Class

Tuesday, May 4

10:30 AM—Women on Mission (ZOOM)
3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (Spence home)

Wednesday, May 5

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)
2:00 PM—Fine Arts Piano Class
6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)
7:00 PM—Bible Study/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Thursday, May 6

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

4:45 PM-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids
4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth
5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, May 9

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School (Adults, Youth, Children)
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, May 10

6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting
4:00 PM—Fine Arts Dance Class

Tuesday, May 11

Wednesday, May 12

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)
2:00 PM—Fine Arts Piano Class
6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)
7:00 PM—Bible Study/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Thursday, May 13

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, May 14

Saturday, May 15

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids
4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth
5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, May 16

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School (Adults, Youth, Children)
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, May 17

4:00 PM—Fine Arts Dance Class
6:15 PM—Scholarship Selection Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 18

Wednesday, May 19

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)
2:00 PM—Fine Arts Piano Class
6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)
7:00 PM—Bible Study/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Thursday, May 20

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, May 21

7:30-9:00 AM—Free Coffee Friday

Saturday, May 22

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids
4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth (End-of-School-Year Celebration)
5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, May 23

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School (Adults, Youth, Children)
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, May 24

3:45 PM—Fine Arts Dance Class (Dress Rehearsal)

Tuesday, May 25

Wednesday, May 26

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)
2:00 PM—Fine Arts Piano Class
6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)
7:00 PM—Bible Study/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Thursday, May 27

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids
4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth (End-of-Year Party)
5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, May 30

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School (Adults, Youth, Children)
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, May 31—MEMORIAL DAY

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED



We Express Our Love and Sympathy to:

- Rev. Stanley and Jean Spence in the passing of her mother, Mary Lou Smith.
- John and Debbie Wall in the passing of his mother; Kaylee and Maycee Wall in the passing of their great grandmother, Adeline Wall.
- Jean Freeman and family in the passing of her friend and companion, Jim Simmons.
- Sid and Margaret Covington in the passing of his sister, Evelyn Griggs.
- Betty Hawkins and family in the passing of her sister-in-law, Jane Hawkins.
- Allen and Sandy Childers in the passing of her brother-in-law, Bill Seaton.
- Donna Baldivid and family in the passing of her son-in-law; Charlotte Ozturk and family in the passing of her husband, Zeki Ozturk.
- The family and friends in the passing of Margaret Wood.
- Katrina Gore and family in the passing of her stepmother, Doris Gore.

Note of Thanks

The Wall family would like to thank the Pritchard family for their love, prayers and support for Adeline Wall in her illness and time of passing. We also wish to thank the Bereavement Committee for the garden dish.

Love, John and Debbie Wall

Happy Anniversary!

Join us in wishing a Happy Anniversary to Katrina Gore, Office Assistant and Media Center Director, who joined our staff two years ago on May 13, 2019.

We also want to wish Joe Hicks, AV Director, a Happy Anniversary. He joined our staff one year ago on May 19, 2020.

Thank you, Katrina and Joe, for your hard work and dedication to Pritchard. You are appreciated and loved!

"We give thanks to God always for you...."

1 Thessalonians 1:2



By Baptism:
McCall Nobles



By Baptism:
Jonathan McCullen



By Baptism:
Ryan Hooper



By Baptism:
Tyler Blackwell

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Tyler and Keely Hayes on the birth of a daughter, Selah Margaret Hayes. She was born April 12 weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and 18" long in Pine, Colorado. Proud grandparents are Bob and Sandy Riggins.

CHURCH STAFF

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Minister of Music & Outreach.....	Rev. David Bailes
Associate Pastor, Spiritual Development & Communication.....	Rev. Kristen Tucker
Minister to Youth & College Aged Students.....	Rev. Brack Ballard
Interim Minister to Children and Their Families.....	Melissa Wisor
Administrator.....	Doug Burkhardt
Executive Assistant for Administration & Education.....	Lynn Plyler
Office Assistant/Media Center Director.....	Katrina Gore
Accounting Clerk.....	Cindy Gamwell
Maintenance.....	James Phillips
Chef.....	Qunita Dashiell
Grounds Keeper.....	Dewight Little
AV Director.....	Joe Hicks



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